Peloponnesian and Persian wars 508BCE

* Athens🡪
* grows as political and military force. Neighbors become threatened.
  + Persia🡪opposite of Athens
  + Changes their culture.
  + Massive empire; spreading from India to Turkey
* Darius(Persian) has strict rules& controls Persian military
  + Sent warriors out to prevent Athenians from spreading
  + Causing war
* Athenian soldiers way more motivated than Darius’ soldiers
  + Almost all men join army to help fight
  + Out numbered 2 to 1
  + Aphalinks🡪allowed Athenians to hit the center of Persians and win the war.
* Persians go home🡪Darius dies🡪Son comes into power
  + Ready for revenge
* Thermosticles comes into power over Athens🡪
  + Change politics in Athens
  + Product of Greek community
  + Knows there is a problem ; Persia is coming back angry and in full effect; Need a new strategy.
* 483BCE Athenians discover silver
  + Want to distribute wealth to the community
    - Thermosticles says spend money in ships
      * Tri-remes🡪Very powerful ships; like missels
* 486BCE Persians put together their army—2 million men
  + Athenians PANICK
  + Want to evacuate all Athenian people so they can fight them
    - Athenians hide at Salimus
      * Strait of Salimus🡪 straight somewhat curved
    - Sparta and Athens team up in Battle of thermopolye.
    - Persians come and destroy all of Athens
      * Athenians send messenger saying they surrender
      * Persians take advantage; want to get them at their weakest point.
      * Go after them
        + Athens and Sparta are on ships and when Persians come. BLOW THEM UP!
        + Persia loses 200 ships
* Persia goes home🡪Athens living good life; want to celebrate but no more Athens
  + Want to rebuild Athens
  + Form Delian League (strong navy)
* Athens dominate over trade🡪 far as Britain
  + “Big Olive”🡪super house
  + Economics are good=quality of life is better
    - Get rid of powerful general
      * Scared he might try to take over.